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- 1. FYI: THE LIBYANS HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF APPROACHES TO US OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS CONCERNING A POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS. ALL OF THESE APPROACHES HAVE FOCUSED PRINCIPALLY ON THE RELEASE OF EIGHT C-130 AIRCRAFT WHICH THEY HAVE PURCHASED FROM LOCKHEED BUT WHICH WE HAVE THUS FAR REFUSED TO LICENSE FOR EXPORT. END FYI.
- 2. WHEN YOU NEXT SEE THE LIBYAN AMBASSADOR YOU SHOULD RESPOND TO HIS OVERTURE AS MOLLOWS:
- 3. THE US WELCOMES LIBYAN INTEREST IN AN IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO TAKE ACTIONS, SUCH AS ITS STRONG OPPOSITION TO OUR PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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RAISE DOUBTS IN OUR MIND THAT A VIABLE BASIS EXISTS FOR

IMPROVING RELATIONS. WITH REGARD TO THE C-130'S, THIS CASE REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE FINAL DECISION WILL DEPEND PRIMARILY UPON THE OVERALL STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND LIBYA. INGERSOLL

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